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FOR WORTZEL FROM SIMONS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL/INFORMAL

I WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THE STATE OF PLAY ON KRSKO. THERE IS CONCERN THAT THE YUGOSLAV FORMULATION OF THE COMMITMENT ON DISPOSITION OF U.S. FUEL DOES NOT MEET THE IMMEDIATE CRITERIA OF THE NUCLEAR EXPORT LEGISLATION AND THUS COULD NOT BE SOLD TO THE NRC IN ITS PRESENT FORM. OES AND THE LAWYERS FEEL THAT THE YUGOSLAVS HAVE EITHER INTENTIONALLY OR UNINTENTIONALLY CREATED A LOOPHOLE WHERE THEY REFER TO "FURTHER USE OF THE MENTIONED STORED IRRADIATED FUEL" SINCE THERE IS NO COMMITMENT TO AGREE WITH THE U.S. ON SUCH SUBSEQUENT DISPOSITION, ONLY TO NEGOTIATE ON IT. THIS MAY BE EASY TO CORRECT IF THE PROBLEM IS IN DRAFTING RATHER THAN IN SUBSTANCE. NOSENZO ASKED AMBASSADOR SMITH, WHO WAS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH KLJUN TODAY (JUNE 6) ON OTHER MATTERS TO INFORM KLJUN THAT ALTHOUGH THE YUGOSLAV TEXTS
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SEEMED BASICALLY ON TARGET, THERE WERE SOME PROBLEMS STILL TO BE RESOLVED. SMITH DID NOT GO INTO ANY SUBSTANCE. NOSENZO ALSO HAD THE MISSION ASK KLJUN WHETHER HE WAS PREPARED TO COME TO WASHINGTON EITHER JUNE 8-9 OR JUNE 15-16 FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS AIMED AT CLARIFYING THE TEXTS. KLJUN SAID HE WAS UNABLE TO, AND SUGGESTED THAT OUR CHANGES BE SENT TO HIM IN BELGRADE. NONETHELESS, NOSENZO MAY ASK

DOE'S BENGELSDORF TO GO OVER OUR CONCERNS WITH KLJUN IN
VIENNA THIS WEEK. NOSENZO IS PREPARED TO GO TO BELGRADE
FOR NEGOTIATIONS ANY TIME AFTER JUNE 26. THE US POSITION
IS NOT YET FIRM BUT WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED. VANCE

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